

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 194

JULY ATTENDANCE: 40.0%

AMBASSADORS: Door County North Rotary Club: **Tank Sholem**, Ely Rotary Club: **Dave Piegras**; La Mar, CO, Rotary: **David Colville**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Caroline Baihly**, **John Woodruff**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **Mark Dripps**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Borge M. Christensen**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Maury Hagen**

NEW MEMBERS: **Joel Haak**, **Amy Holtz**

RESIGNATIONS: **Paul Bleimeyer**, **Jason Boynton**, **Michael Busch**, **Amy Eich**, **Thomas Fitzgerald**, **Mac Hamilton**, **Emil Koretzky**, **Phet Saysomphou**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Sept 3	Jerry Downes	Minneapolis, MN
Sept 4	Cris Fischer	Rochester, MN
Sept 7	Jerry Williams	Princeville, IL
Sept 11	Christine Beech	Fairfax, VA
Sept 14	Laurel Schacht	Rochester, MN
Sept 16	Josef Chlachula	Czechoslovakia
Sept 17	Jim Woodruff	Hibbing, MN
Sept 19	Audrey Betcher	Rochester, MN
Sept 20	Betty Hutchins	Chattanooga, TN
Sept 23	Bill Nietz	Rochester MN
Sept 24	Susan Ahlquist	West Virginia
	Mark Noble	Jamestown, ND
	Kristine Stensland	Cedar Rapids, IA
Sept 26	Tom Sitzer	Langdon, ND
Sept 29	Gary Harmon	Fargo, ND

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

STRIVE MENTORS NEEDED FOR 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR



The new school year is about to start, and it is the time of year that the STRIVE steering committee members are asking for volunteers to mentor students at the three public high schools. Since 2000, Rotarians have helped seniors graduate from high school and have the opportunity to see what is available for them for post-secondary education. For many STRIVE students over the years, neither would have happened without a Rotarian believing in them and being that support needed through their senior year. We have opened up their world of opportunities.

We still need Rotarians to mentor this year. We have had a great response from last year's mentors that will be returning to mentor this year but due to conflicts in work schedules, etc., some are unable to mentor so we are in need of more volunteers. The program will start in late September. See page 3 in the Moccasin Flower for a sign-up sheet with the day and time each school meets once a month. Please fill the form out and return it at the next Rotary meeting or email Diane Ilstrup, Co-Chair of the STRIVE Steering Committee at: deilstrup@msn.com.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- September 4** Willow Creek Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Meeting followed by the Rotary Golf Outing, Program TBD
- September 11** Elizabethan Room, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Rotarian Brad Jones
- September 18** Windosr Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., “Honey Bee,” presented by Mark Ereth
- September 25** Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., “MN Teen and Adult Challenge” presented by Center Director Tom Truszinski

September Rotary Anniversaries

Terry Sorenson	4 years
Susan F. Johnson	6 years
Paul Tieskoetter	6 years
David Harbert	7 years
Mark Ostrem	7 years
Cresta Valentine-Sadosty	8 years
Dan Kelly	8 years
Jim Sloan	10 years
Laurel Schacht	13 years
Karel Weigel	16 years
Sue Dripps	18 years
Linda Bonow	21 years
Lois Nietz	27 years
Frank Sharbrough	31 years
Jerry Schliep	40 years
George Waters	67 years



Other Meetings & Events

- September 1** No **Channel One Service** due to Labor Day holiday
- September 8** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- September 10** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7:00 a.m.
- September 10** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Scanlon, Nietz & Murch Offices (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- September 10** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- September 16** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St. SW), 11:30 a.m.
- September 17** **White Oaks Park Clean-up**, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St NW), 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
- September 24** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Thyme Restaurant & Lounge (220 South Broadway Ave.), 5:00 p.m.



“LIKE” THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Thanks to all who helped with the August meetings:

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Greeters: Sue M. Johnson, Samantha Rother, Kristine Ihrke, Brian Welke, Lois Nietz, Sue Dripps, Mark Neville, Mark Noble; **Cashier:** Janice Domke, Danae Gaio, Dana Funk, Sue M. Johnson; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff; **Visitors Desk:** Jen Woodford, Sue M. Johnson, Heather Holmes; **Invocations:** Mark Dripps, Jim Sloan, Bill Wiktor; **Four Way Test:** Heather Holmes, Cris Fischer, Kelly Engler, Danae Gaio; **Introduction of Visitors:** Phil Karsell, Mark Neville, Rick Lien, Leigh Johnson; **Presenters:** Cindy Russell, Andrew Wood, Ben Threinen, Ed Hruska, Kathy Stutzman.

STRIVE

What is STRIVE?

STRIVE is a Rochester Rotary sponsored program for seniors who have faced some academic challenges, but want to make the most of their last year of high school.

How does the program work?

- ✓ Students who choose to participate in **STRIVE** are matched with an adult mentor, most of whom are members of one of the Rochester Rotary Clubs.
- ✓ Mentors can help the students get information about the career field they are interested in.
- ✓ Mentors are not tutors, but are there to offer support, encouragement and assistance.
- ✓ Students and mentors meet once a month for 50 minutes during the school day to talk about how school is going and to discuss the student's future plans. Meetings also include presentations on topics relevant to life after high school – college, careers, finances, etc.
- ✓ The goal is for students to improve their grades and graduate from high school. Scholarships have been awarded to those seniors who show the most improvement over the first three quarters. We have also given a cash prize for all students with perfect attendance at the **STRIVE** meetings.
- ✓ At the end of the year, there will be a celebration for the completion of the program for **STRIVE** seniors, their families, and mentors.

I would like to be a mentor for STRIVE 2014-15:

Please indicate your school preference with #1 as top choice. If your personal schedule doesn't allow you to mentor at a certain school, please indicate NA.

_____	John Marshall	Tuesday - 8:15 A.M.
_____	Mayo	Wednesday – 9:35 A.M.
_____	Century	Thursday – 8:30 A.M.

Need more information? Contact Diane Ilstrup, Co-Chair STRIVE Steering Committee at: deilstrup@msn.com or (507)-269-2407

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2013-14 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of September 1, 2014
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	194
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$720 (<1% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	0%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds and individual donations)</i>	\$2,500	\$0 (0% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)



HELP THE STRIVE PROGRAM MATCH FUNDING FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION

STRIVE is a Rochester Rotary sponsored program for seniors who have faced some academic challenges, but want to make the most of their last year of high school. Our number one goal is to help them graduate from high school and see the opportunities out there for post-secondary education through our mentoring.

On August 19, 2014, The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation authorized matching funds (\$1 for \$1) up to a total of \$2,500 for all Rotary Club of Rochester (our club only) member donations to STRIVE within the next 30 days. As of the 8/18/2014 Rotary meeting, we have \$1,100 pledged for the STRIVE Program. We hope you would consider a financial donation to sponsor a student in the program, a scholarship, a Grub Night at RCTC or Quarry Hill, or a donation of money to the program that isn't specified.

If you have not been able to attend a recent meeting of our club, you may fill out the donation sheet attached to this newsletter. Since the Foundation is a 501c3, all contributions for STRIVE made to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Please make checks out to: Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation, designate for STRIVE and send it to:

Elizabeth Karsell, Administrative Director
The Rotary Club of Rochester
PO Box 7566
Rochester, MN | 55903-7566

Thank you for your support of the very successful STRIVE Program.

Knowing that The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation will match the first \$2,500 donated to the Foundation from our club members for the STRIVE Mentoring Program, I would like to help the STRIVE Program in the following way(s):

Please circle your choice(s).

1. I would like to sponsor a student in the program for \$100.
2. I (or my place of business) would like to sponsor a scholarship: \$1,000 _____, \$750 _____, \$500 _____, Other \$ _____
3. I would like more information on how to sponsor a scholarship.
4. I (or my place of business) would like to sponsor the Grub Night at Quarry Hill or RCTC for \$250.
5. I would like to donate to the program, \$ _____
6. I would like to be a mentor. See page 3 in this month's Mocassin Flower.

Rotarian Name: _____

Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation.
Designate for STRIVE.

The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation is a 501c3.

All contributions for STRIVE made to the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation are tax-deductible.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WITH ROMANIA



The Romania Friendship Exchange has been very popular with our District, therefore we would like to change the deadline for applications to October 15, 2014. The dates of the exchange are April 18-30th, 2015. Romania is a very beautiful country and they are very excited to host our team. The team should consist of 10 to 12 Rotarians and their spouses.

The application is on the Rotary 5960 Web site under [Friendship Exchange](#).



WHAT DO THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION BIENNIAL AUCTION AND THE AMAZING RACE HAVE IN COMMON?

Rotarians Phil Karsell and Sue M. Johnson, TRCR Administrative Director Elizabeth Karsell, and friends and family ready to run the Amazing Race purchased at The Rotary Foundation Auction. Thanks to Rotarian Audrey Betcher and her family for the creative donation and amazing coordination of an AMAZING event!



WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!

New Rotarians Joel Haak (second from left) and Amy Holtz (second from right) with proposers Borge M. Christensen (left) and David Oeth (right).

ROTARY AT QUARRY HILL NATURE CENTER

Rotarians love to serve in the food cart at Quarry Hill Fall Festival, and it's that time of year again. Volunteer shifts are approximately two hours between 10:45 and 5:15 on September 13 & 14. Rotarians assist in the service of various food items during the community festival, offering Rotary exposure to the community and enjoying fellowship with fellow Rotarians, their guests, and the community members attending the event. If you are interested in this community service opportunity, [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



QHNC.org

🍂 Good-natured fun for all ages! 🍂

2014

Live Animal Programs!

Red Tail Hawk Program

Saturday

16 yr old Haakon Stans, local falconer mentored by Quarry Hill Falconer, Kirk Payne will introduce Athena. Haakon will share about the sport of falconry, care and training for Athena.



Native MN Snake Program—Sunday

MN DNR Wildlife Specialist, Jaimie Edwards will introduce several varieties of MN snakes. Opportunities to see and touch the snakes up close!

Bald Eagle Program —Sunday

"How much does an eagle weigh?"
"How big is their wingspan?" The answers await you during a live eagle program presented by the National Eagle Center.



Full schedule at QHNC.org.

Food available all day!

Enjoy brats, hot dogs, caramel apples, popcorn, tabouli & more.

Activities include:

- Animal Headbands
- Animal Survival Game
- Big Dig
- Candle Rolling
- Canoeing
- Cave Tours
- Cookie Decorating
- Mini-Pumpkin Decorating
- Rock Climbing
- Sand Painting
- Sunfish Plinko
- and many more....

Tree Climbing

12—3pm Sat & Sun

sponsored by :



FREE ADMISSION

Activity and food tickets available for purchase on site

\$1/ticket, 25 tickets/\$20

Food and activities range from 1-4 tickets

Event is held rain or shine * Indoor and Outdoor activities

OUR SUPPORTERS



WHITE OAKS PARK CLEAN-UP — JOIN THE GROUP ON SEPT. 17

August White Oaks Park cleanup crew: Rotarians Mark Neville, Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer and John Woodruff.



BUY KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS

Buy a Kwik Trip Scrip gift card; use it like cash at any Kwik Trip, and The Rotary Club of Rochester keeps 10% of the face value of each card. Proceeds will be combined with funds raised at our Biennial Auction. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the registration table at our Thursday club meetings.



ROTARIANS ARE A POWERFUL FORCE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Posted on August 21, 2014, <http://blog.rotary.org/2014/08/21/crane/>

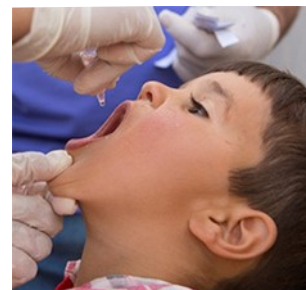
By Steve Crane, a member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, USA, and a polio survivor. Crane has been appointed district polio eradication advocacy chair by successive governors in District 5030.

Rotary members are being asked if recent headlines mean there is some doubt about ending polio for good. Our answer is that the end of polio in India is the headline to remember.

We are at the heart of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership of Rotary International, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and many national governments. Rotary has contributed \$1.3 billion to the GPEI through PolioPlus. And it is committed to adding up to \$105 million per year over the next four years through the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio is much larger than \$1.3 billion. Our 1.2 million members volunteer countless hours to participate in every facet of the work required. We are engaged in the GPEI's strategic planning and management by facilitating critical cooperation among international and national government partners. Our consultations with global health leaders help develop the new ideas and course corrections needed.

Rotarians are effective advocates as local and national business leaders and as political constituents, working with our partners to break through the toughest barriers blocking eradication. And our advocacy has helped secure more than \$9 billion from donor governments for the GPEI.



A child is immunized against polio.

Our dedicated volunteers make it possible to conduct successful National Immunization Days (NIDs) in the polio-endemic countries — Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan — and all those affected by the disease. It was Rotary advocacy that made NID's central to the global eradication strategy. That has helped decrease the number of polio cases worldwide by 99.9 percent. Until we reach 100 percent, however, outbreaks are inevitable. When they occur, Rotarians are among the first to respond.

Outbreaks stem from wild poliovirus people carry from one of the three remaining endemic countries. In each country, Rotarian expertise and counsel are fully at work. When, for example, GPS and GIS technologies were adapted for the Nigeria campaign, the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee weighed in on the course corrections needed to fill the immunization gaps. As a result, polio cases in Nigeria are almost gone.

The toughest headlines are coming from Pakistan. Violence is killing vaccinators and cases are increasing in the tribal areas bordering Afghanistan. In response, new security measures are being taken to protect vaccinators. A polio eradication Emergency Operations Centre was established in Karachi in July.

The Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, chaired by Aziz Memon, has over 30 members working at every level of government to make the country polio free. It was their counterparts on the India National PolioPlus Committee who helped ensure the success of the campaign there.

Every Rotarian has a role as a polio eradication advocate. You are needed to convince your elected leaders that our competence, energy, and determination are behind their polio eradication funding as well as ours. Write or call to tell them all the ways eradication has Rotary's steadfast support and how much we need theirs.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio eradication work, has declared Rotary's voice "the most powerful weapon we have in the war against polio." Be confident that Rotarians won't rest until polio is stopped, and be sure your Rotary voice is heard.



